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RESPONSIBILITY FOR CRIME

At least 10 per cent of all public money in the United States is spent for handling crime, statistics show. Who is responsible for this expenditure?

Our laws and practices concerning criminals are too primitive. In spite of the fact that crime is one of the greatest degenerating factors of society, little has been done to solve its problems. In the main we have held to the primitive idea of demanding repayment by the culprit of damage done society. "Who did the deed?" is the first question asked when someone has broken a rule of social sanctions.

Not until recently have we even attempted to try to understand what causes the individual to violate the law. We have been too willing to go on the free-will theory. We have assumed that every individual has the same influence with the same opportunity to do right or wrong. Blindly society has punished and felt satisfied. Because the particular individual has been found committing the final act labeled crime, he has been held responsible.

Crime should first be regarded from a sociological viewpoint. It is a social abnormality. The individual and society are copartners in the defect. To protect society it is often necessary to eliminate the individual, but for elimination of crime, society itself must be brought to court.

The slum districts, lack of education, alcoholism, poor housing, unemployment and poor laws are crime breeders. These are parts of the social structure to be eliminated.

Social reconstruction may be expensive but it is really a great saving, considering the cost of social disorder—court costs, police systems, penal institutions, theft, arson, murder and loss in production.

The longer the delay on the question of disarmament, the greater may be the difficulties.

One can often tell how long a man has had an automobile by whether he chooses to call it a car or a machine.

CHRISTMAS IS FOR CHARITY

Of all the lovely human virtues that make life livable, charity, the heart-healer, is the loveliest. It is sympathetic and kind, it is generous and full of understanding. It is the greatest symbol of love we know, and in its every act, brotherhood stands forth its gentle and most redeeming grace. It is impossible to think of Christ without recalling charity at the same time. Christ created charity and it is our duty to perpetuate it.

Philanthropy does not alone constitute charity. On the contrary, it may be an insignificant part. Helping the man to bear his burden by giving him companionship and solacing the sufferer with a gentle understanding when fate proves unkind—this is a more important part of charity. Broad-mindedness, fairness, and ability to overlook the aggravating little things, and to pour one's whole being into a desire to help the man a little worse off than oneself—that is charity.

Think on Christmas morning, when your home is stocked and when your fire is burning, of the hundreds who do not know it for a day for joy and who wake to its dawn as they do to every dreary dawn, cold and weary. They are the ones who need love. Visit them, tell them you love them, try to understand them and be sympathetic in your touch. They are one of you, and need you. Do not celebrate Christmas unless you are charitable, for the One whose birthday

is celebrated at Christmas was the personification of charity. Charity begins at home but it must not remain there. It is a big thing in the world to make the unhappy, happy, and the cynical, optimistic. Christmas is coming—let us remember our brothers, let us help the unfortunate that life has passed by.

It seems that to revive the War Finance Corporation for any purpose would be a queer way to get the country back to normal.

EDUCATED FOR BUSINESS

The college purposes to develop in its students, to make them useful and efficient in modern life, the love of work and the power of concentration. Our educational institutions endeavor to impress upon the college student that he is developing his powers of service for the community and society, rather than for personal ends.

Eugene A. Noble, LL. D., president of Dickinson College, once wrote of the college student: "The student should understand that the time in which he is living is related to the long part of human history so that his respect and sympathy for the work and thoughts of men will be great; second that he may know also how to discern what is valuable in the life of his own time as judged by the standards of value which have been established out of the past; and third, that he shall have a sense of moral or spiritual values to control his judgment."

The last clause is of primary importance.

There are certain slipshod methods of the college student which are the common defects of immaturity and appear in a conspicuous degree in college men entering business, not because they have been in college, but because they have, they lack the discipline of actual training.

The college-trained man and the untrained man may start together at the foot of the ladder. The college man, by application of his training, should progress more rapidly than his uneducated associate. For this reason, the college man is not unduly discouraged when forced to start at the bottom of a business and prove himself. He has an alertness of attitude, an appreciation of thoroughness, and he has long hours of study and investigation as prerequisites for the selling of his services. He becomes a complete success by the same persistence and efficiency that won for him success in college.

ABOUT REAL PEOPLE

Mabel Ansley Murphy, in two small volumes, "Greathearted Women" and "American Leaders," has introduced the reader to some simply told biographies of great women; both American and English, and to the lives of some of America's greatest men.

"Biography is a short cut to companionship. We are often lonely, even though surrounded by friends and companions. It may be some stroke of ill fortune that shuts us up without our selves, or some blunder that does this. Then we find help by reading of others who have suffered as we are suffering, and have had the strength to be strong, or to 'come back' after failure."

Lucetta Mott and Harriet Beecher Stowe, wrestling with the problem of slavery in the way that seemed best to them; Helen Hunt Jackson, championing the cause of the Indian in the West; Clara Barton, the great Red Cross nurse; Anna Howard Shaw, who gave her life to working for woman suffrage; Julia Ward Howe, author of the "Battle Hymn of the Republic;" all these heroic women appear.

In "American Leaders" we form a speaking acquaintance with twenty-three of the greatest men in American history, dating from the father of Pennsylvania, William Penn, up to the late Theodore Roosevelt. We find among the great and good of all time, Benjamin Franklin, the man who stood before kings; Robert Morris, the financier of the Revolution; Patrick Henry, the orator; Alexander Hamilton, the little lion; Abraham Lincoln, Horace Greely, Booker T. Washington, Sam Houston and others with whom you will not have to wait hours to snatch a hasty interview. In them you will find the same traits as in yourself, and they are ready to be your friends. They will talk to you when you will and not take offense when you are indifferent.

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League Sings Christmas Carols.

The singing of Christmas carols in preparation for Christmas Eve carolling in Columbia and home towns was a feature of the meeting of the Epworth League of the Broadway Methodist Church last night. Methodist students who are in Columbia for the holidays are planning to go carolling on Christmas Eve. Announcement was made of a Watch Night party to be given by the Epworth League on New Year's Eve. Cranston Dickey gave a short talk on "Generosity," the subject of the evening.

DOGCONE THAT BOY!



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BEST STORY OF THE DAY

The famous actress, Mme. Rachel, had a card party at her home one night which was attended by Alexandre Dumas, the immortal author of "Monte Cristo". While piquet was going on, the actress dropped a franc on the floor. She stopped the game to look for it, spending some time in the search. Alexandre grew impatient, and, without a twenty-franc note into a "spit", lit it and flourished it over the carpet until the franc was found.

It had rolled some distance, whereupon Dumas said, "Rachel, you always could make a franc go farther than anybody I know." At that period, Dumas was deeply in debt. The story is characteristic of the two persons concerned.

NO MOVIE STARS AT M. U.

Griffith fails to find suitable actor in Columbia.

Who is "a student in Missouri" in whom David W. Griffith, the world's greatest film director, thought he saw the makings of the successor of Richard Barthelmex, his present film star. Barthelmex is leaving Griffith because Griffith can't afford to pay him the salary which he wants.

David W. Griffith was in Minneapolis recently. There he told a Minneapolis Journal reporter: "Find me the perfect photographic model and fame and fortune are yours. We are searching the country for a film hero. From last February to June we made a canvass of all the American universities. We saw 15,000 students. Not a future screen star among them. We've combed the land. We thought we found two—one in Kentucky, another a student in Missouri. We made test films. Out they went."

Griffith wants a man with brains. Women are easy to get in the films. A pretty face is not hard to get. But a good-looking man who has brains—that is difficult, he says.

Why did the "student from Missouri" fail? Did he have the looks and not the brains, or did he have both but failed to "take" well in pictures. And who is that student?

REPORT ON FEEBLE MINDED

M. U. Professors at Jefferson City Hear Results of Survey.

The Missouri Commission on Mental Deficiency, of which Charles A. Ellwood, professor of sociology, and A. F. Kohlman, assistant professor of sociology, at the University of Missouri are members, held a special meeting Friday at Jefferson City. The meeting was held to receive a proposal report of the survey of feeble-mindedness, which has been conducted by Dr. Thomas Haines, director of the commission.

Legislative measures for the proper care of feeble-minded children in Missouri, to be introduced at the coming session of the Legislature, were considered. Professor Kohlman was appointed a member of the committee to draft such legislation as will be necessary to put the recommendations of the survey into effect.

Among the facts and recommendations brought out in the survey were the following: that there are 3,000 feeble-minded children in the public schools of Missouri; that the present institutional accommodations for the feeble-minded children of the state are inadequate; that clinical facilities should be provided to classify school children; that special classes to accommodate the potentially feeble-minded children should be established in the larger cities of Missouri.

PLANS FOR VACATION FIRST

"When Are You Leaving?" Is Popular Query of Students.

With just a few days standing between the student and the long-wished-for holidays, it is no wonder that those ten days of freedom would crowd out everything, even thoughts of the final examinations. "When are you leaving?" and "What are you going to do during the holidays?" are the two questions on the lips of every University men or woman.

"I'm going to every show in town, and I'm going to dance every night—and I'm not coming home at 10:30 either," said a girl from St. Louis.

"Well, the first thing I'm going to do is explain to the family why I drew a sight-draft for \$35 just after they had sent me a check for \$100. Until that's all thoroughly understood I can't make any plans for the future." This remark was from a graduate student.

"Me?—Christmas?—oh, I'm just going to SLEEP—sleep and maybe eat," said a tired-looking individual carrying a copy of the Evening Missourian and a fat yellow pencil. A little girl from Louisiana snuggled up and expressed the feeling characteristic of the entire student body, "I'm just going to take life easy and not worry about anything."

INDIA IS GIVEN A COUNCIL

Duke of Connaught to Inaugurate Local Assembly in January.

MARSEILLES, Dec. 20.—(United Press.)—The Duke of Connaught today boarded the British battleship Malaya, and sailed for India on the official visit in which he is deputizing for the Prince of Wales. The duke took a chill some six weeks ago and has been recuperating on the Riviera, but is now well again. The French naval, military and civil officials paid formal visits, and were afterward entertained at luncheon on the Malaya.

The duke arrives at Madras January 10, and during a six weeks' tour he will hold a Durbar at Delhi, and will inaugurate the new Chamber of Princes, the Council of State and the Imperial Legislative Assembly, which embody the government's plans for a greater measure of "home rule" for India.

ON OTHER CAMPUSES

Dr. John Auer, of the Rockefeller Institute of Scientific Research, New York, has been appointed by St. Louis University to institute and conduct a department of pharmacy in its College of Medicine. Doctor Auer has been connected with the Rockefeller Institute since its inception in 1903, and is considered as one of America's foremost men in medical research.

Boston University may establish another branch in Venezuela, as urged by the Pan-American Union, which Dean Everett W. Lord visited in Washington, D. C., on the way back from the opening of the College of Business Administration in Havana. The formal inaugural exercises of the Cuban branch will not take place until January, when President Lemoine H. Martin of B. U., formerly president of Baker University, Kan., will accompany Dean Lord.

THE CALENDAR

December 22.—Fall term ends at 12 o'clock.
December 23.—Christmas program, Columbia High School.
December 25.—Municipal Christmas Festival.
December 25.—Christmas services at Episcopal Church.
December 26.—Christmas services at Presbyterian Church.
December 28-29.—Payment of University registration fees. Registrar's office.
December 30-31.—Registration for the winter term.
January 7.—Debate, Columbia High School and Bonville High School.
January 7-8.—Basketball, Missouri vs. Ames.
January 18.—Poultry Show—Boone County Poultry Association.
January 19, 20, 21.—Meeting of Missouri Farm Bureau Federation.
January 19-20.—Musical revue, "The Passing Show," auspices St. Mary's Guild.

Breakfast: 7:15-8:45 Dinner: 11:30-12:45 Supper: 5:30-6:45

While You Are at Home Bear in Mind

The "Caf" opens with breakfast Dec. 31—First Day of Registration.

We assure you the best of food, cooking, and service at a strictly computed cost basis, and you pay for just what you eat—no more.

Arrange to eat at the "Caf" next term

THE COMMONS

Our Last Meal Before Christmas Is Breakfast Wednesday.

Everybody Wants an Eversharp

Last minute shopping is a simple matter this Christmas. Buy Eversharp; everybody wants one. For men there are Eversharp of standard size made with a clip to cling to vest pockets. Is he proud of his watch chain?—There is an Eversharp ringed to fit it. Women also are proud to own these pencils. For them, buy the standard lengths or the dainty junior models which make themselves at home in purse or handbag. Made with jeweler precision in silver and gold, chased or plain. We have Eversharp at prices ranging from one to five dollars.

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